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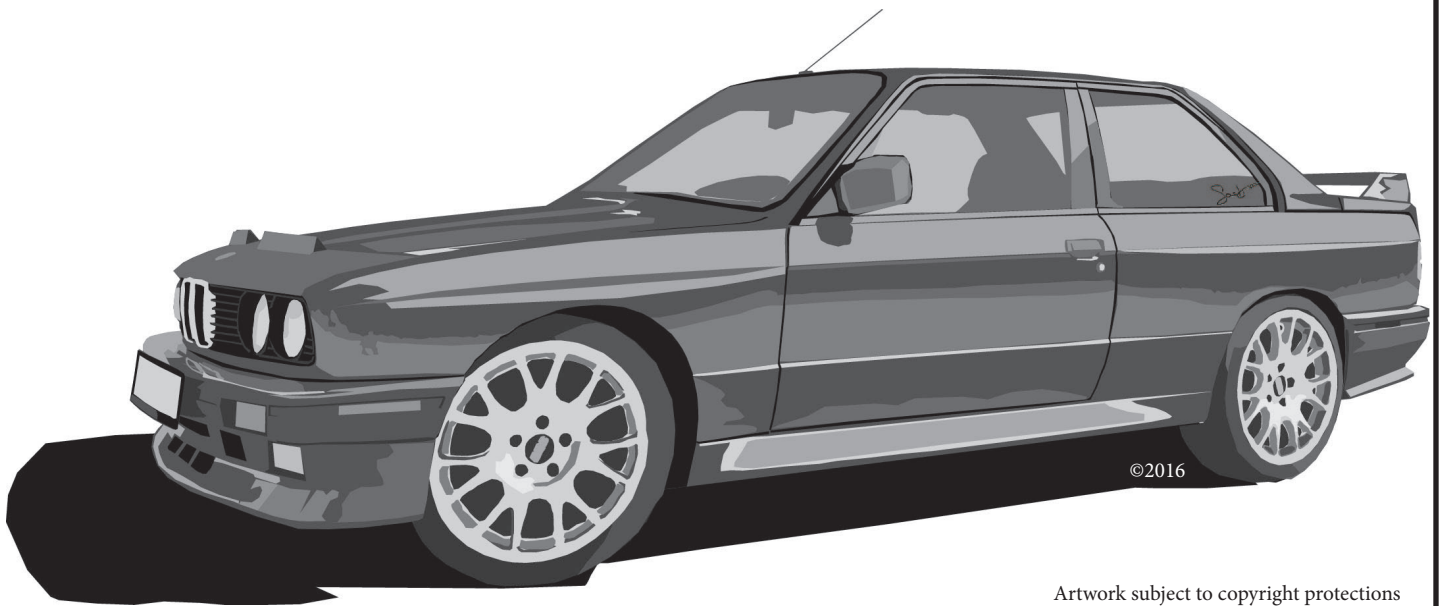
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Florida Suncoast



A quarterly newsletter from the Suncoast Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America

2016 has arrived & Spring has SPRUNG!!!

IT'S TIME TO GET THAT CLASSIC OUT OF THE GARAGE AND PREPARE FOR SOME GREAT DRIVES THROUGHOUT THE SUNCOAST REGION AND THE SUNSHINE STATE



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QUARTERLY FINANCIALS

Fiscal Year
February 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016

Beginning cash \$8,991

Membership dues \$14,288

Income from Events \$6,226

Total Income \$20,514

Administrative Cost \$4,059

Subsidies for Events \$22,133

Total Expense \$26,192

Ending Cash \$3,313

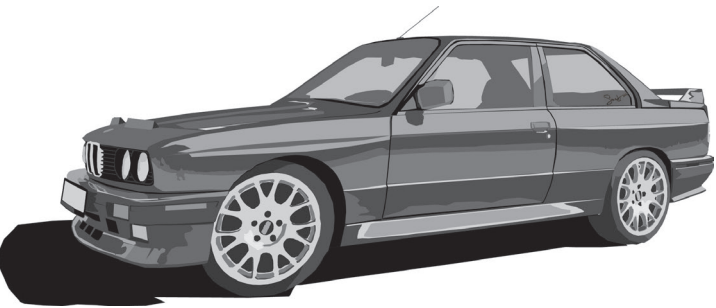
BACKSTORY

This edition's backstory focuses on the artwork featured on the cover of this newsletter. The artist is an up and coming new start in the art and design world, and created the cover piece for a project while in school. It wasn't until later in life that the artist discovered his love of creating things, but more importantly all things BMW. The artist's name is conspicuously the same as your continuing newsletter editor... Michael M. Sackett Jr.

The piece is titled "E30/M3", and I wanted to share it with the club. There are two very lucky people that have an actual print, but I have been thinking there might be a desire for more... I can't necessary afford to give away free prints, but if you truly desire a print give me a shout and maybe we can work something out.

I am also available for commissioned pieces should you want to capture your own favorite BMW on paper as well...

- Michael M. Sackett



If you have an idea or want your own creations featured on the cover feel free to get in contact with me ...

PRESIDENTIAL POINTS



***“Howdy ... Howdy friends and neighbors
won’t you step-up and shake my hand...”***

I used to listen to this song every morning on the AM radio as my mom drove me to school. Little did I know how much it would influence my life!

I’ll start by saying It’s an honor to be selected to serve as your President for 2016.

If you are a legacy member of FSC BMW CCA I look forward to the opportunity of meeting you and learning about your passion for the BMW brand. If you are a returning member, we welcome you back! We’re putting a fresh coat of paint on things...we hope you’ll like what you see! If you are a new member to our group, well we sure are glad to have you, come on in and make yourself at right at home!

My mom says, “Stan never meets a stranger!” Over the years that seems to be the case....I am always excited to learn about others...Who you are, what you like (or don’t like) and more. Don’t be shy, your email or phone call will always be welcomed.

With Officer and Board Member elections complete, your 2016 leadership group held the first BOD meeting on Saturday, February 20th in Tampa. The meeting yielded some specific goals and objectives for the 2016 season:

- *Members will have full access to each Officer and Board Member:*
 - o *Names/ Face pics / Contact info is posted on the web-site*
- *Full disclosure of FSC Financial information (Available each month)*
- *Specific emphasis is being placed on improved communications:*
 - o *Timely information via our e-mail blast and web-site*
 - o *Timely information about upcoming events*
 - o *Timely follow-up post-event with recap stories and photos*
- *Advanced planned events. Featuring a variety of options:*
 - o *Tech sessions of various interest items*
 - o *Short drives, Touring events and Rallies*
 - o *Coffee & Cars, Meet & Greets, etc.*
 - o *Car Clinics, Auto Cross, etc.*
 - o *Car Shows of all descriptions – Promote the Brand!*
- *Encourage members to check the web-site frequently*

This is just the beginning. Let me invite you out to an event. Or better yet, want to host an event? Give me or any BOD member a call...we can work out the details.

Until next time.... step-up and shake hands with a BMW friend or neighbor... Happy Motoring....
- Stan

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Name	City	State
David Amore	Thonotosassa	FL
MaryJo Bastacky	Sarasota	FL
John Berard	Naples	FL
Ronald Bishop	Tampa	FL
Roger Blanchette	Nokomis	FL
Richard Borel	Naples	FL
Husdy Borrás	Sarasota	FL
Thomas Cavanagh	Riverview	FL
John Culotta	Lakewood Ranch	FL
Donn Davis	Punta Gorda	FL
Alex Drugos	Tampa	FL
Charles Elzer	Bradenton	FL
Lawrence Friedman	Palm Harbor	FL
Lou Gonzales	Englewood	FL
Jeremy Howe	Sarasota	FL
Al Johnson	Land O Lakes	FL
Benjamin Kamberg	Port Charlotte	FL
Peter Kauffmann	Sarasota	FL
J. Kibbey	Sarasota	FL
David Martin	Ocala	FL
James McKinley	Cape Coral	FL
Ray Nakshabendi	Tampa	FL
Chritopher Naskale	Punta Gorda	FL
Dan Noia	Palm Harbor	FL
Lawrence Pareene	Palm Harbor	FL
Courtney Payne	Sebring	FL
Alfredo Robles	Naples	FL
Kevin Szopinski	Venice	FL
Grace Torres	Tampa	FL
Clayton Toth	Punta Gorda	FL
Ann Venables	Largo	FL
Rick Wyatt	Tampa	FL

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND EACH AND EVERY EVENT AND
SHARE YOUR PASSION FOR ALL THINGS BMW AND EXPLORE WHAT
YOUR BMW CCA CLUB HAS TO OFFER.**

BIRTHDAY BASH WITH BMW STYLE

Local FSC BMWCCA member and St Petersburg resident, Laura Nielsen, threw herself quite the birthday party at the Locale Market at the Sundial Plaza in Downtown St Pete on Friday, March 4th.

A seven course food and wine pairing extravaganza! Okay, eight courses, there was a cake too. I mean, this was a birthday party! Of course, as a longtime BMW owner, Laura insisted the chef present the cake with a proper topper!



Photo & Article Credit: Russ Garvey

12TH ANNUAL CARS ON FIFTH



Fellow Exotic Car Enthusiasts Gathered in Mass on beautiful Fifth Avenue South, in Naples

For the twelfth consecutive year The Naples Ferrari Club invited all car enthusiasts to come see cars of all kinds. This year on Saturday, February 13, 2016 some of the world's fastest, exciting, and most beautiful chariots all under the beautiful skies of sunny Naples, Florida were on display. The Naples Ferrari Club also collects donations to help special needs children and their families.

The 'Cars on 5th' show is about helping the community and giving to those in need. Donations from the attendees and individual contributions to featured charities raised over \$450,000 over the past 11 years. The 2016 12th Annual Cars on 5th benefited St. Matthews House, which gathers contributions of food and clothing, the proceeds which help to operate food pantries and shelters to care for the homeless and hungry of our community. This year's show collected a record \$130,000 for St. Matthews House.

Over 100 Ferraris were on display with a mix of Vintage, Jaguar, Lotus, Triumph and Bentleys. Porsches were plentiful including some rare race cars. American cars were not overshadowed, with over 60 Corvettes and other muscle cars on display. Mercedes and VW had a significant dealer display.

Several FSC BMW CCA members were on display, however, the BMW collection was fractured and set among other brands. Pat Dargan's M3, Scott Crater's M1, and Mike Sonderby's 2002 were a few BMW's we spotted in the crowd. CCA members Bill and Mary Caldwell & Phil and Lois Castronova were each able to register and show their Porsche. (Congrats to Lois Castronova for being a St. Matthews House volunteer...she rocks!)



We always see a ton of FSC BMW members enjoying the show. Make this a "must see" on your 2017 calendar.



Photo & Article Credit: Stan Dale



FSC HOLIDAY PARTY (TAMPA)

This is the second year that the Florida Suncoast Chapter has organized two Holiday parties for our membership. For the North (Tampa Bay Area) party FSC returned to Bascom's Chophouse in Clearwater. This year there was a bit of a snafu with Bascom's scheduling two groups with music. We booked first in the fall and Bascom's later added the second group for the same night. We had a few issues with noise leakage, but the staff went to great lengths to make up for the mistake. The buffet food was very good and the supply never seemed to run out! In fact, Bascom's supplied to-go boxes for anyone who wanted to take some of the delicious items home. We had the usual assortment of small, door-prize gifts in addition to the five ticket-bid prizes. The grand prize this year was very nice – a framed, BMW themed, photo-art piece.



The Tampa area party had about 46+ attendees. Coupled with the Naples Party of about 40 people, FSC continues to have very good turn-outs for these events; surpassing our attendance numbers for the single Holiday Party held for many years in Tampa and other bay area locations. That's the good news. The bad news is that the cost of holding these two separate parties is, as you might imagine,

quite a bit higher than just a single event. The FSC BOD has had some initial discussion about this issue and will probably come up with several options to present to the membership for opinion and preference. Having one big party in a single location? Alternating the party North and South in odd and even years? Raise the ticket price to help off-set the cost of two parties? These are some of the options you might hear about at a meeting or read about in the newsletter or website.



In the meantime, I'd like to thank all of you who attended the party at Bascom's this year. Your continued attendance at this, and other FSC events makes all the hard work worthwhile.

Photo & Article Credit: Russ Garvey

FSC HOLIDAY PARTY (NAPLES)

BMW CCA members converged on Naples, Florida to celebrate a "Neapolitan Holiday Dinner" held exclusively for members and spouses (or guest) of the Florida Suncoast BMW CCA.

Nearly 50 members/guests attended the Saturday Evening, festivities at McCormick & Schmick's located in the Mercato in Naples. The excellent staff at M&S kept the refreshments coming as members and guests enjoyed great conversations with other BMW enthusiasts. Attendees enjoyed the fine dining McCormick & Schmick's is known for. Following dinner, Stan Dale introduced the new Officers and Board of Directors for 2016.

The theme of the evening was "The Enchanted Getaway", featuring an old style 1940's travel suit case teasing everyone's thoughts about the Grand Prize. All attendees were treated to gift bags of chocolate delights from local celebrity and world renowned Norman Love Confections.

Carrie Coldiron won the Ladies Gift and Scott Schmalfeldt won the mens gift. Both received a BMW Logo Leather Attaché' Case. Now they can travel the world in style! Dennis & Kathleen Johnston won the Grand Prize, a \$250.00 Marriott Gift Card good at all Marriott Properties worldwide.



Photo & Article Credit: Stan Dale

BREAKFAST & TECH SESSION

Twenty-four Suncoasters were up and out of their homes before 8:00 AM, Saturday, February 6, 2016 for this dual event. The combined breakfast and tech session were the first event(s) that we used the innovative RSVP reservation system on the Florida Suncoast Web Site for a Tampa Bay event. Kudos to our Web Miss, Carol Villar, it worked well for the our first outing.

At Daddy’s Grill in Oldsmar, we were set up at a long table in the main breakfast room, and Daddy’s staff took our individual orders as we arrived and were seated. As the event master – coupled with my Mary’s help and that of our Vice President, Frank Mann, I really appreciated the early reservation RSVPs by the attending Suncoasters, as it allowed Daddy’s to put on two extra waitresses just for our group, and to set up the special seating for our large party. As an aside, if we schedule a breakfast meeting again at Daddy’s later in the year, it will be scheduled on the second Saturday of the month to ensure that we do have the Back Room, but the main dining room worked this time through the efforts and planning of all involved. Our collective thanks go out to Daddy’s Grill and its hard working staff. [Photo No. 1, “Daddy’s.”



After breakfast we traveled the 5.5 miles to Ferman BMW of Palm Harbor. As Ferman BMW has such a large campus now, there was misdirection by a few getting to the Service Department Building immediately behind the New Car Show Building. All is well that ends well, and our tech session on cleaning products and their individual uses was very interactive among the presenters and the participants. There were two handouts, one on “Wiping and Buffing Microfiber Towels,” and the second on “Polishes, Sealants and Waxes.” As the event master, I will work with our Web Miss to get those two documents posted for the use of those who could not attend this Suncoast BMW outing.

Thanks to all who attended and offered their comments, the latter collaboration made for a much better tech session. Too, I would like to give a shout-out to Brian and Dennis at Ferman BMW for their assistance – thanks to both of you; and our group thanks to Ferman BMW for hosting us! Photo No.2, “Ferman BMW Service.”



Photo & Article Credit: Frank Mann & Bill Caldwell

2002 GROUP (NOT THE YEAR...)

Since BMW has been selling cars in the US since the 70s, there is a vast base of different types of BMW enthusiasts. Did you know that Florida Suncoast has a vintage group within the club? While it initially started as the 2002 group - the 1968 to 1976 cars. It now is a great place for all the local members with "vintage" cars to meet. Every one is welcome and we classify Vintage as the E30s from the 80s and earlier.

The group usually has two to four 02s show up and occasionally an E21 . February 20th the club met at the usual place - Cracker Barrel at 4011 Ulmerton Rd, Clearwater, FL 33762. . Usually it is the same morning as the Dupont Cars and Coffee, so one can attend this event then meet over at Cracker Barrel for Breakfast. On our 20th meet we had eight members show up and five BMW 2002s in the parking lot. After a good breakfast we went out and looked at cars, we have one member with an S-14 engine swap. Others have cars that are 99% original and all aspects in between.

This group also is a good resource for parts and knowledge on the older BMWs.

If you would like to join us you can follow the Vintage BMWs of Tampa FL Facebook site at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/425328064187752/>
Or if you wish to be put on the Email list, please contact Edd Weimar at e2002w@msn.com,

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Editors Note: I had to share my ‘fixer-upper’ 2002 I picked up and have a considerable amount of fun with in the racing game Forza 6... Ok, maybe it is make believe but it still scratches the itch without spending a single dime, and she might not be the prettiest Turbo tii, but she has won more than her fair share of races online...

Photo/Artwork Credit: Michael Sackett
Article Credit: Barry Miller

4TH ANNUAL B.I.G CAR SHOW

FSC Sweeps Trophies for Second Year...

At the Fourth Annual BIG (British, Italian and German) European Sports and Collector Car Show held in Cape Coral, Florida, on Sunday, March 06, 2016. The event was held at Jaycee Park in Cape Coral overlooking the Caloosahatchee River and was free to the public. The weather was near perfect for an auto show. FSC more than doubled CCA participation over last year's showing with nine (9) BMW's showing. Many thanks to fellow BMW CCA members who stopped by the event to support the show cars. Your support is always appreciated.

We had an excellent time meeting and talking to several potential new members. FSC will likely expand by three new members John, Lee and Eric in the near future. We really enjoyed learning about their passion for the brand and the many tales of their love for their BMW's. It doesn't get any better than this!



In a conversation with FSC President, Stan Dale, the promoters of the BIG Show indicated they were very pleased with the growth of the BMW participation. With greater BMW participation the BIG promoters indicated a willingness to create a broader range of classes to be judged, thus expanding the potential for even more trophies. Look for this show to be a part of the FSC BMW CCA annual events calendar.

Thanks to members Mario & Carol Villar for hosting a small after-party at their home following the BIG Show. OMG, we want the recipe for that dip! Hmm Hmm Hmm!

And the results are in...

- (1) Bruce Baker repeated his First Place showing with his 1959 BMW 600. Simply a beautiful automobile.
- (2) Frank Mann repeated his Second Place record this year showing his 1974 2002. Frank also won the Long Distance trophy....LOL, Frank says by 2 miles. Also, he took the President's Trophy Grand Show Winner 2016
- (3) John & Michaela Valletta from Bradenton, Florida won Third Place with their 1986 Shark. This is the first event John & Michaela participated in...something tells me they'll be back for more. This Red Shark drew lots of attention. Simply elegant!



4TH ANNUAL B.I.G CAR SHOW



Winners (Clockwise from Top Left)

- (1) Bruce Baker with his 1959 BMW 600.
- (2) Frank Mann showing his 1974 2002.
- (3) John & Michaela Valletta with their 1986 Shark.



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